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Maine Department of Labor Releases Results of 1989 Manufacturing Wage and Fringe Benefit Survey

Labor Commissioner Charles Morrison recently announced the release of 1989 Maine Occupational Wages in Manufacturing Industries. This publication contains low, average, median, middle range, and high prevailing wages for 141 occupations in 17 manufacturing industries statewide. In addition, occupational wages are provided for all manufacturing industries combined in the Bangor, Lewiston-Auburn, and Portland Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), as well as on a statewide basis. Also presented is various fringe benefit information pertaining to each industry and for all manufacturing combined on a statewide basis.

This publication was based on a statewide survey of 482 manufacturing establishments. The responses provided wage and benefit information for 25,131 workers.

Among the survey findings for all manufacturing industries combined contained in this report are:

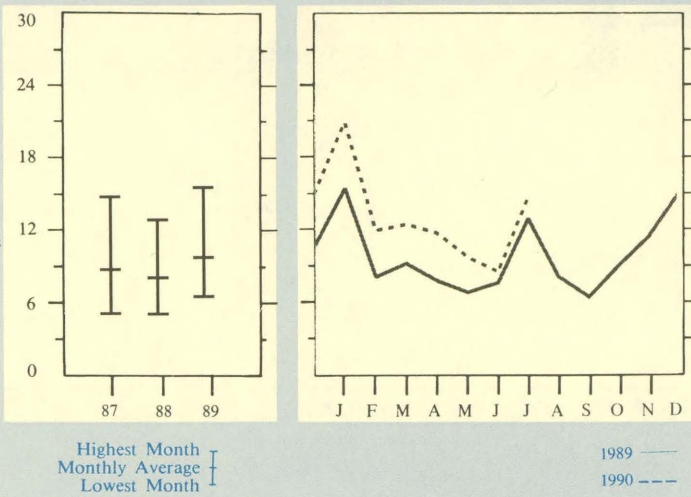
- The highest paying occupations, on average, were controllers at \$42,376 per year, followed by sales managers and electrical engineers at \$41,991 and \$41,489, respectively.

- The highest paying production, operating, and maintenance occupations were: tool and die makers, averaging \$12.96 per hour; millwrights, averaging \$12.80 per hour; and supervisors of production, operating, and maintenance workers, averaging \$12.68 per hour.
- Pension/retirement plans were provided by 38 percent of manufacturing establishments. Of those establishments providing a pension/retirement plan, the company paid the entire cost of the plan in 65 percent of the cases, the company and employees shared the cost in 32 percent of the cases, and employees paid the entire cost in 3 percent of the cases.

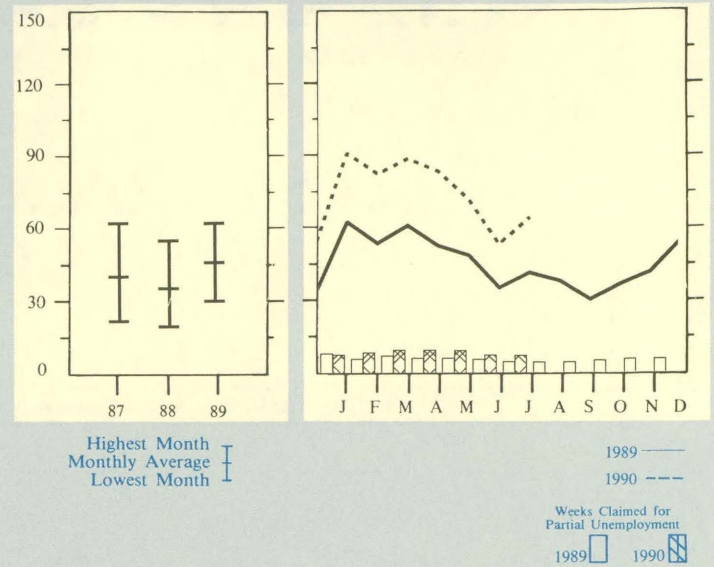
1989 Maine Occupational Wages in Manufacturing Industries contains the information listed above and much more. It is available for \$10.00 per copy and may be obtained by contacting the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, P.O. Box 309, Augusta, ME 04332-0309, or by calling (207) 289-2271.



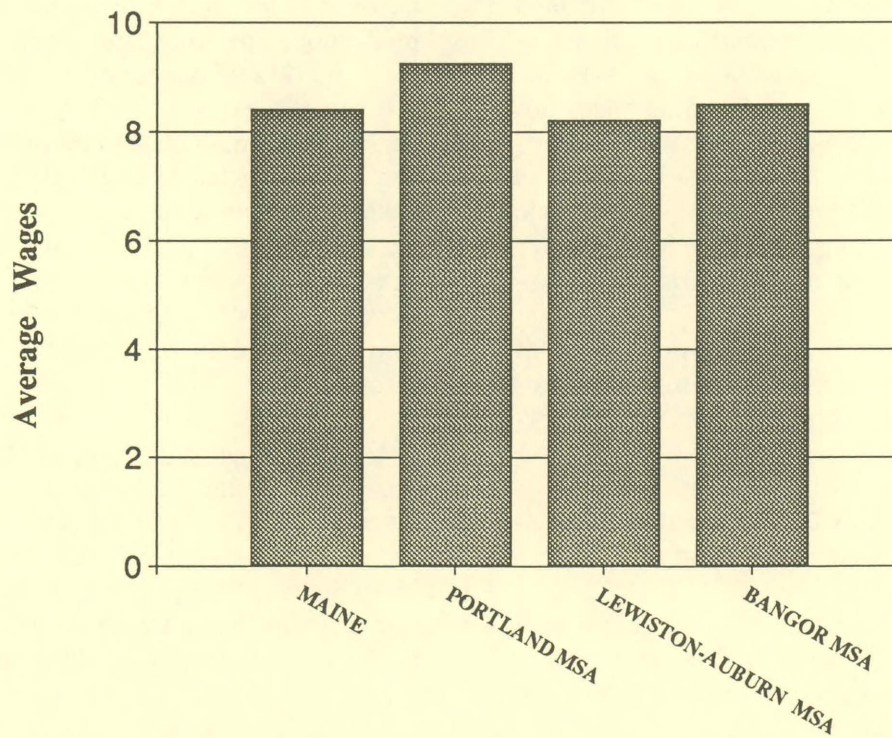
UI Initial Claims in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



Average Hourly Wages of Bookkeepers in Manufacturing by Area Maine, 1989



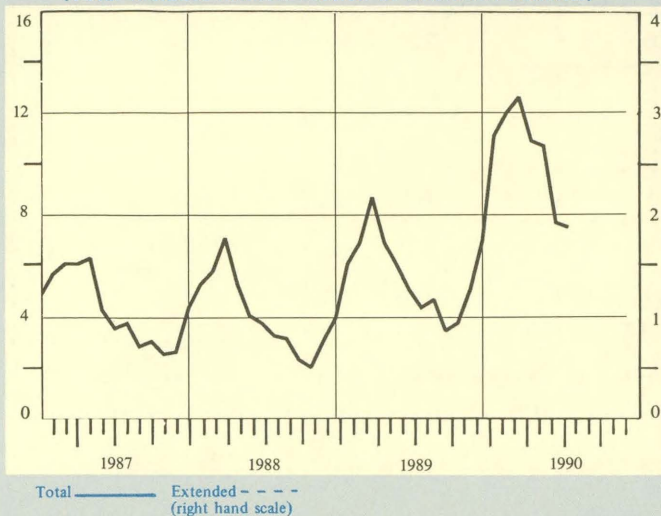


Selected Employment Security Activities



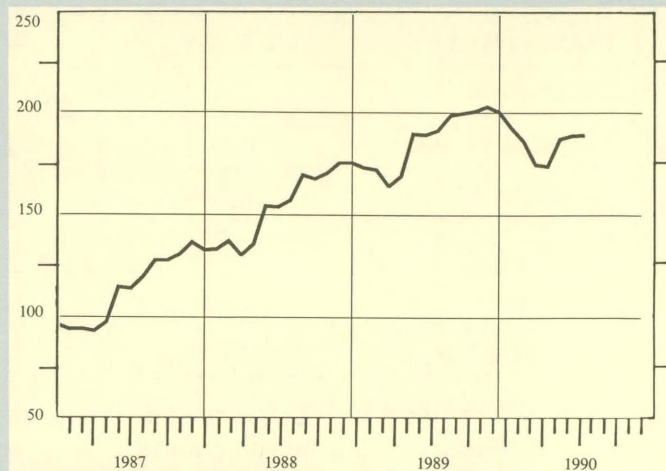
UI Benefit Payments in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)

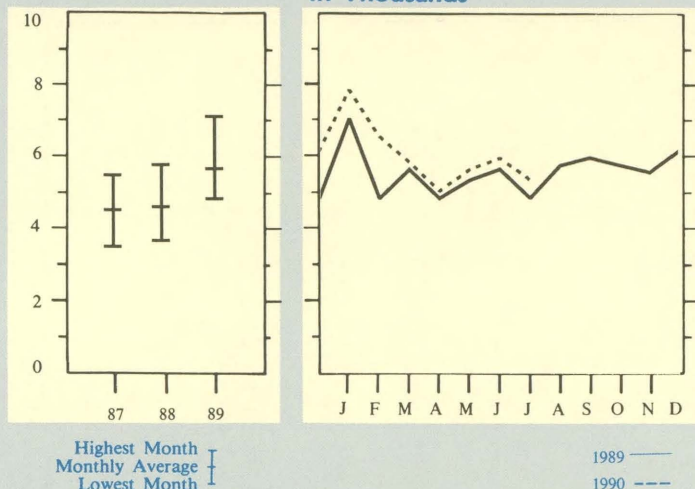


Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/.....	533.8	544.3	550.2	133.7	134.8	133.7	40.1	41.7	40.5
Goods Producing	133.6	136.7	140.3	25.5	25.4	25.6	11.1	12.0	12.0
Construction and Mining	31.0	30.7	36.4	8.2	8.2	8.9	2.2	2.2	2.6
Building Construction	10.1	10.1	12.4	1.9	1.9	2.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trades Contractors	14.7	14.7	18.0	5.5	5.4	5.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	102.6	106.0	103.9	17.3	17.2	16.7	8.9	9.8	9.4
Durable Goods	49.0	48.9	49.3	8.7	8.5	8.1	2.3	2.4	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	11.8	11.4	12.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.4	3.5	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	5.0	5.1	5.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	8.5	8.6	8.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	15.6	15.5	15.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.7	4.8	4.7	3.6	3.3	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	53.6	57.1	54.6	8.6	8.7	8.6	6.6	7.4	7.0
Food and Kindred Products	7.4	7.3	7.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.6	6.0	5.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.7	2.9	2.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	18.0	18.1	18.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.7	5.8	5.8	1.6	1.6	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.9	3.9	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.9	2.0
Leather and Leather Products	9.0	11.8	10.2	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.8	2.0	1.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.1	10.0	8.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.3	1.3	1.6	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.2
Service Producing	400.2	407.6	409.9	108.2	109.4	108.1	29.0	29.7	28.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.4	22.5	22.8	5.5	5.3	5.6	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.5	25.7	26.4	10.0	10.1	10.4	2.3	2.3	2.3
Retail Trade	112.1	110.9	119.6	30.9	30.5	30.9	8.4	8.3	8.4
Food Stores	21.4	21.2	20.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	35.4	33.8	41.7	9.5	9.2	9.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.6	25.6	26.0	11.5	11.4	11.9	2.3	2.3	2.4
Banking	10.5	10.5	10.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.1	10.0	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	130.0	126.2	130.6	36.3	36.3	34.9	10.8	11.2	10.3
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	13.8	10.9	14.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.0	12.9	13.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	44.0	44.5	43.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	20.0	20.3	19.6	2.3	2.5	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	64.6	76.4	64.9	11.7	13.3	12.4	3.5	3.9	3.4
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

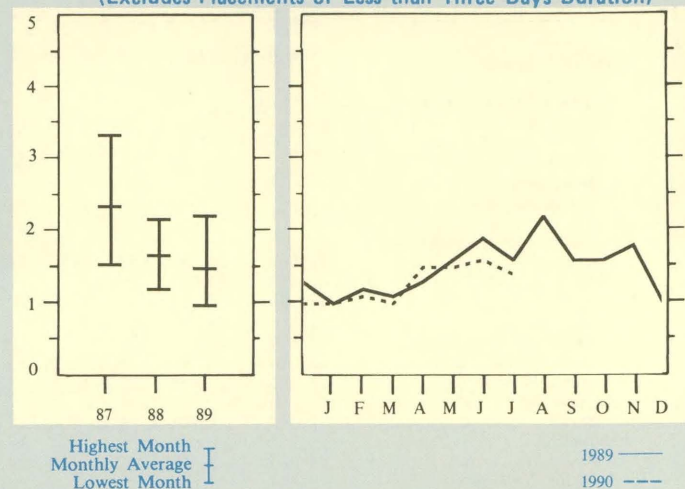
1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25,32,38,39; Portland - 24,25,32,33,34,37,38,39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28,29; Portland - 20,22,23,26,30; Lewiston - 20,22,23,26,27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1988	1989
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$416.81	\$419.29	\$399.19	39.1	40.2	39.8	\$10.66	\$10.43	\$10.03	\$8.77	\$9.31	\$9.89
Durable Goods	400.93	403.81	378.85	39.5	40.3	39.3	10.15	10.02	9.64	8.32	9.00	9.59
Lumber and Wood Products	381.06	372.04	360.90	41.6	41.2	40.1	9.16	9.03	9.00	7.82	8.60	8.85
Primary and Fabricated Metals	384.91	422.38	362.35	39.6	43.1	39.3	9.72	9.80	9.22	8.94	8.79	9.31
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	505.04	498.74	469.53	42.8	42.7	42.3	11.80	11.68	11.10	9.20	9.49	11.03
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	320.42	349.92	325.08	32.3	36.0	36.0	9.92	9.72	9.03	8.03	8.51	9.02
Transportation Equipment	463.08	449.96	436.69	40.8	40.5	40.1	11.35	11.11	10.89	9.40	9.82	10.80
Other Durable Goods	333.33	334.15	309.54	40.6	40.8	40.2	8.21	8.19	7.70	7.01	7.43	7.80
Nondurable Goods	431.84	431.88	416.47	38.8	40.1	40.2	11.13	10.77	10.36	9.18	9.60	10.16
Food and Kindred Products	310.42	314.88	315.22	34.8	35.3	39.6	8.92	8.92	7.96	7.16	7.30	8.01
Textile Mill Products	353.73	350.95	349.46	39.7	40.2	40.4	8.91	8.73	8.65	7.35	7.66	8.22
Apparel and Other Textile Products	265.33	289.91	238.79	36.8	38.5	35.8	7.21	7.53	6.67	5.92	6.43	7.04
Paper and Allied Products	654.89	659.74	640.25	43.0	44.1	44.4	15.23	14.96	14.42	13.43	13.93	14.51
Leather and Leather Products	242.79	273.00	248.83	34.1	37.5	36.7	7.12	7.28	6.78	6.34	6.59	6.92
Other Nondurable Goods	380.03	382.71	341.30	38.7	39.7	37.3	9.82	9.64	9.15	8.28	8.62	9.10
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	390.60	411.18	388.74	36.0	38.5	37.2	10.85	10.68	10.45	9.13	9.58	10.53
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	365.19	360.90	328.79	39.1	40.1	38.5	9.34	9.00	8.54	7.40	8.08	8.50

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM 1/	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	296.8	295.0	280.8
Unemployment	15.9	12.1	13.0
(Percent)	5.4%	4.1%	4.6%
Resident Employed	280.9	282.9	267.7

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982=1984= 100) All Items (CPI-U)	130.4	129.9	124.4	126.1
Percent Change for Past Month			+0.4%	
Percent Change from Last December			+3.4%	
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago			+4.8%	

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA <u>1/</u>	LABOR FORCE <u>2/</u>			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	644.9	640.2	637.0	617.7	614.2	613.4	27.1	26.0	23.7	4.2	4.1	3.7
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	46,200	45,800	45,300	44,500	44,400	44,000	1,700	1,500	1,300	3.7	3.2	2.9
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,500	43,200	42,600	39,600	40,800	39,800	2,900	2,400	2,800	6.9	5.7	6.6
Portland MSA	134,500	134,700	132,900	130,700	130,700	130,600	3,800	4,000	2,300	2.8	3.0	1.7
Portsmouth-Dover- Rochester MSA <u>3/</u>	n/a	134,700	139,100	n/a	129,100	134,900	n/a	5,600	4,200	n/a	4.1	3.0
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	39,630	38,180	37,080	38,380	37,040	35,470	1,260	1,140	1,610	3.2	3.0	4.3
Bath-Brunswick	31,890	32,050	31,420	31,020	31,220	30,910	870	830	510	2.7	2.6	1.6
Belfast	13,560	13,090	12,550	12,770	12,220	11,680	790	870	870	5.8	6.6	6.9
Biddeford	30,860	30,750	30,710	29,260	29,490	29,480	1,600	1,260	1,230	5.2	4.1	4.0
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	18,890	17,830	18,130	18,600	17,430	17,850	290	400	280	1.6	2.3	1.5
Calais-Eastport	15,060	14,800	15,590	14,170	13,770	14,570	900	1,020	1,020	6.0	6.9	6.5
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,360	20,660	20,890	20,170	19,540	19,770	1,190	1,120	1,120	5.6	5.4	5.4
Central Penobscot	3,640	3,670	3,400	3,450	3,500	3,290	180	170	110	5.0	4.6	3.2
Dover-Foxcroft	7,080	7,200	6,870	6,570	6,820	6,390	510	380	480	7.2	5.3	7.0
Ellsworth	29,270	27,640	28,620	28,620	26,740	28,090	640	900	530	2.2	3.2	1.9
Farmington	13,830	13,350	13,520	12,990	12,580	12,680	840	770	840	6.1	5.8	6.2
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,410	5,250	5,560	5,220	4,820	5,210	190	430	350	3.5	8.1	6.3
Greenville	1,460	1,380	1,500	1,400	1,280	1,460	60	100	40	4.0	7.2	2.7
Houlton	6,790	6,810	6,380	6,360	6,440	6,040	420	370	340	6.2	5.4	5.3
Kittery-York <u>3/</u>	27,740	28,620	30,300	27,310	28,140	30,000	430	480	300	1.5	1.7	1.0
Lincoln-Howland	5,530	5,520	5,370	5,220	5,200	5,130	300	310	240	5.5	5.7	4.5
Livermore Falls	5,160	5,130	5,140	4,780	4,820	4,800	370	300	340	7.3	5.9	6.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,100	4,000	4,000	3,860	3,720	3,760	240	280	240	5.9	7.0	6.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,150	4,330	4,190	4,010	4,050	4,090	150	280	100	3.6	6.5	2.4
Norway-Paris	12,600	12,150	12,460	11,680	11,370	11,780	920	790	680	7.3	6.5	5.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,570	2,500	2,490	2,440	2,340	2,370	130	160	120	5.1	6.3	4.8
Rockland	19,980	19,910	19,660	19,040	18,970	18,950	940	940	710	4.7	4.7	3.6
Rumford	8,720	9,000	8,790	8,210	8,390	8,210	510	610	580	5.8	6.8	6.6
Sanford	17,250	16,850	16,220	16,320	16,010	15,510	930	840	710	5.4	5.0	4.4
Sebang Lakes Region	14,920	13,270	16,310	14,310	12,690	15,900	610	570	410	4.1	4.3	2.5
Skowhegan	22,790	24,330	23,400	21,310	23,030	21,630	1,480	1,300	1,770	6.5	5.3	7.6
Southwest Penobscot	11,750	11,760	10,520	10,710	11,050	9,700	1,030	700	820	8.8	6.0	7.8
Waterville	25,720	26,430	25,150	24,780	25,650	24,260	940	780	890	3.6	3.0	3.5
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,834.2	1,801.4	n/a	1,741.6	1,734.1	n/a	92.6	67.3	n/a	5.1	3.7
Massachusetts	3,157.0	3,233.0	3,257.1	2,963.0	3,044.0	3,106.2	194.0	189.0	150.9	6.1	5.8	4.6
New Hampshire	n/a	636.2	622.0	n/a	597.5	599.4	n/a	38.7	22.6	n/a	6.1	3.6
Rhode Island	526.0	524.9	532.7	488.6	490.8	511.3	37.4	34.1	21.5	7.1	6.5	4.0
Vermont	310.6	313.6	313.5	296.6	299.7	302.1	14.0	13.8	11.4	4.5	4.4	3.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES ...	n/a	7,182.1	7,163.7	n/a	6,787.8	6,866.5	n/a	394.2	297.4	n/a	5.5	4.2
UNITED STATES	126,900	126,307	126,238	119,954	119,605	119,502	6,945	6,702	6,736	5.5	5.3	5.3

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants*	13,966	11,551	11,583	1,971	1,910	1,001	1,728	1,218	1,613

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Average Annual Pay for all Covered Workers 1988 and 1989, New England States and U.S.

State	Average Annual Pay 1/		Change	
	1988	1989	Number	Percent
Connecticut	\$26,234	\$27,500	\$1,266	4.8
Maine	18,347	19,202	855	4.7
Massachusetts	24,143	25,233	1,090	4.5
New Hampshire	20,749	21,551	802	3.9
Rhode Island	20,206	21,128	922	4.6
Vermont	18,640	19,497	857	4.6
United States	21,872	22,567	695	3.2

1/ Includes workers covered by State Unemployment Insurance and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees programs.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

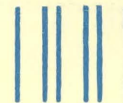
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